Application Number 10/662,948 REQUEST **FOR** Confirmation Number 1500 **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** Filing Date September 16, 2003 TRANSMITTAL First Named Inventor Shingo YAMAUCHI MAIL STOP RCE Group Art Unit 3751 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Examiner Name Timothy Lewis MAUST Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Matter Number O76525 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR provides for continued examination of an utility or OPTIMIZING BATCH PROCESS OF plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 Title | PREPARING SOLUTION This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. □ Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii.□ Other ____ b. \(\overline{\Omega} \) Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. □ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) iv. ✓ Petition for Extension of Time v. Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS a. D Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months b. Other 3. FEES The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$810.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373 CUSTOMER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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Signature Date July 18, 2008